



IPTV World Series Awards 2010 Winners Announced

LONDON, UK – 23 March 2010 - Informa Telecoms & Media today announced the winners of the IPTV World Series Awards.

The Awards were held at the Royal Garden Hotel in Kensington, London and were hosted by TV and radio personality, Paul Ross. Ross is the co-presenter with Gabby Roslin on BBC London 94.9FM's flagship breakfast show and has fronted the police appeals show *Crime Monthly* for ITV and presented numerous game shows including *All Over The Shop* and *No Win No Fee* for the BBC and *Jeopardy* for Sky One. He is also currently the showbiz correspondent and film critic for *This Morning*.

The IPTV Awards Gala Evening took place on the first evening of the IPTV World Forum (www.iptv-forum.com) on Tuesday, 23rd March 2010 at 7pm. They recognise excellence in embedded client software or intellectual property across all network types, including terrestrial, satellite, cable, IPTV and mobile. They also cover technologies and services relating to internet-based video over any access network.

The judging panel considered the solution's unique features, its market impact, and the lessons learnt which can be applied to other networks and markets.

Full criteria for the Awards categories, details of the Judging Panel can be found at www.iptv-forum.com/awards

The winners of each category are as follows:

Most Innovative New Service Sponsored by Espial – WINNER: PCCW for eye2

Recognises a service launched by an operator or service provider in 2009, and delivered fully or in part over an IP network, which made a significant contribution to service revenues and customer satisfaction. A service or product could be a complete IPTV launch or it could be a new service as part of an existing IP TV offer, such as the introduction of HDTV or DVR for example.

Shortlisted finalists were: *for:*

BBC

BBC iPlayer for Games Consoles

PCCW
Deutsche Telekom
Numericable

PCCW eye2
Programm Manager
Numerispace

PCCW eye2 stood out as an innovative device that demonstrates a clear commitment to developing new products and services for customers which keep ahead of the competition. The eye2 wireless touchscreen tablet provides television and multimedia services, as well as video and voice calling.

The combination of wireless, Internet and telecommunications technologies represents an ambitious vision that really shows the power of digital convergence. Developing such a consumer device is a remarkable achievement for a service provider.

Best Subscriber Growth Achievement - WINNER: China Telecom

Recognises an operator, service provider, ISP or content provider brand that has achieved significant growth in its subscribers for a managed IPTV service during 2009.

Shortlisted:

for:

China Telecom
AT&T
Verizon

Guangdong Telecom
AT&T U-Verse TV
FiOS TV

Judges praised China Telecom for its high percentage growth over the past year, posting a 275% increase in IPTV subscribers between the end of 2008 and 2009 to reach 750,000 users. This comes despite the difficulties encountered by many IPTV operators around the world in maintaining the same growth rates once significant scale has been reached.

China Telecom's achievement is also praised as being noteworthy for the way in which the company has accommodated a variety of changes in its service platform as the enabling technologies have matured.

Best Interactive TV Service/Application - Winner: ADB for 'n'

Recognises interactive TV technologies and solutions across ALL network types, including terrestrial, satellite, cable, IPTV and mobile, and also covers technologies and services relating to Internet-based video delivered over any access network. It is not limited to services where the associated video is delivered as IP. However, please note that this category does not include Video on Demand; this award uses a more narrow definition of interactive TV - what people have come to understand by the abbreviation 'iTV'.

Shortlisted:

for:

ADB
Verizon
Orca Interactive
NDS
AT&T U-Verse

'n'
Verizon FiOS TV
COMPASS
Oona
Multiview

Pay-TV operator 'n', in partnership with ADB, has been a leader in the delivery of hybrid services in Poland, and ADB has been an industry pioneer in enabling broadcasters and service providers to deliver such services.

The 2009 upgrade of ADB's hybrid DVR set-top box for 'n' was typical of ADB's ability to respond quickly to its customers' needs. ADB's timely implementation of the upgrade to meet 'n's requirements was particularly impressive. The deployment testifies to one of ADB's key strengths – the fact that it writes all the software in its own devices.

The deployment enabled 'n' to steal a march on its competitors by becoming the first provider in Poland to combine the best of the Internet with broadcast TV, offering applications including TV access to content from leading local websites, as well as the ability to schedule recordings remotely via a unified user interface and access.

Best Consumer Device/CPE - Winner: Amino for Amino Freedom

Recognises excellence in consumer equipment, including the initial IP video receive equipment, screens & video consumption equipment, devices that can be paired directly with the initial receive equipment, devices that reside on a home network connected to the initial receive equipment, and devices that can be paired directly with equipment on the home network - provided in all cases that the video consumed is IP video routed to the consumer or home via a network connection.

Shortlisted:

Amino
Cisco
Entone
PCCW
Ruwido

for:

Amino Freedom
ISB6000 HD DVR Media Gateway Set-Top Series
Janus Media Hub
PCCW eye2
invitro

The Amino Freedom DVB-T hybrid media centre was recognised by the judges as offering the most comprehensive, cost-efficient and user friendly solution to the challenge of delivering online content in a seamless, integrated and user-friendly manner to the consumer's living room.

It achieves this by allowing access to all major formats of Internet-delivered video and to a vast number of applications, including social media, and integrating them in a unified GUI together with locally stored music, video and pictures, and DVR functionalities such as time-shift recording of multiple channels, pause live TV and push-VOD.

Best Quality Improvement Solution - Winner: Witbe

This category covers any technology or service that can be used to test, monitor, report upon, analyse or manage (proactively or reactively) video services delivered over IP-based networks. Technologies covered by this category could include monitoring solutions for picture quality or components of transport streams, and of course, Quality of Service. It also includes any technology or service that can be used to test, monitor, report upon, analyse, manage or in some way impact the overall customer experience in relation to IP video based services.

Shortlisted:

Alcatel-Lucent
First Media
Mariner
Verizon

for:

8920 SQM
First Media Video QoE Monitoring Solution
xVu
Verizon FiOS TV

Witbe

Witbe

Witbe has developed new technology for monitoring designed to complement existing solutions that take care of the Quality of Service. It combines an end-to-end system that provides the standard reference Key Performance and Quality Indicators, delivering them through a central system to the people that need to know - the engineering teams, support staff and senior management.

The robot-based system gets to the heart of the problem, generating multiplatform reports, incident analysis, customer troubleshooting and executive dashboards.

Its has been deployed by IPTV operators around the world, including Orange, KPN, Deutsche Telekom, Telefonica, Vodafone and Singtel.

Best Hybrid Broadcast-IP Video Delivery Solution or Service - Winner: EchoStar for SlingLoaded HDS-600 R hybrid HD DVR

Recognises an operator, network provider, solution provider or ISP for a video delivery service or solution which supports the delivery of video over both the IP and non-IP video networks in parallel.

Shortlisted:

Echostar
Alcatel-Lucent
STC (Saudi Telecom Company)
ANT
Verimatrix
Harmonic

for:

EchoStar SlingLoaded™ HDS-600 R hybrid HD DVR
5910 MiViewTV
IPTV/DVB-S STB
ANT Galio HbbTV Platform
VCAS 3.0

The judges particularly praised EchoStar's entry for its mix of cutting-edge technology, a simple idea and sound business logic.

The exciting technology comes courtesy of EchoStar's acquisition of SlingMedia a few years back. Slingloaded devices enable the repurposing of content in the home, even if it is protected, so that it can be played back on different devices. The simple idea here is to let users consume content where and when they want to, offering both place and time-shifting in a home networking context, and also a remote access context.

EchoStar's sound business approach is to offer this solution to service operators who can harness its power and simplicity, thereby reducing churn and increasing revenues.

The judges also liked the fact that with the HDS-600R, a strong concept is now a real product sitting under TV sets.

Best On-Demand Technology for IPTV - Winner: Ericsson for WatchPoint Content Management System

Recognises the best on demand technology for delivering a TV service over a managed IP network.

Shortlisted:

for:

SecureMedia	Encryptonite ONE™ Digital Media Security System (eONE™ System)
Harmonic	MediaPrism™ Convergence Suite
Thomson Connect	SmartVision
Arris	ConvergeMedia Application Management Suite
Ericsson	WatchPoint® Content Management System (CMS)

The judging panel commended Ericsson for the broad range of features available on its WatchPoint Content Management System, which allow operators to control the preparation, delivery and consumption of content originating in a wide array of formats, and supporting various playback devices. The centralised content and metadata management system supports both existing and new workflows, while optimising system resources.

Processes can be established, managed and monitored via a Web-based GUI, which supports rule-based business models and can adapt the system to new operational and market requirements. Third party systems for content, scheduling and metadata ingest are supported, as are back office services. Finally, content can be organised into various categories, groups and channels to support operators business needs, with content then delivered in the appropriate format to end-user devices for consumption.

Best IPTV Service Delivery Platform or Client Software - Winner: Netgem for NetgemTV

Recognises an IPTV Service Delivery Platform or Client Software that supports IP-based video delivered via a managed private network.

Shortlisted:

for:

Opera Software	Opera for Connected TVs
Cisco	Cisco End-to-End SP Video Solution
Microsoft Corporation	Microsoft Mediaroom
Motorola	Motorola KreaTV™ Application Platform
Netgem	NetgemTV
Sigma Systems	Sigma Systems' Subscriber Information Service

NetgemTV provides an end-to-end solution that provides both pure IPTV and hybrid IPTV, as well as advanced services such as connected home applications. The solution delivers traditional broadcast TV services in a very coherent and user-friendly manner, as well as simultaneously delivering a large number of advanced functionalities and services to users.

In addition, NetgemTV has built a set of back-end solutions that addresses the needs of broadcasters and other players in the video value chain, enabling different business models to be implemented in a flexible manner.

Best Internet TV Technology/Solution - Winner: Cisco for Cisco Content Delivery System

Recognises technologies or solutions relating to video that is available via the public Internet. This generally means that it can be accessed via a standard web browser and can be found by anybody (although not necessarily viewed by anybody in the case of subscription services). However, video services that are delivered via the public Internet using a privately accessible web address are also included.

Shortlisted:

Echostar Europe
Cisco
Brightcove
Harmonic
Ooyala

for:

EchoStar SlingLoaded™ HDS-600 R hybrid HD DVR
Cisco Content Delivery System
Brightcove 4
Harmonic's Rhozet transcoding solutions
Backlot

With significant customer wins in Western Europe and the USA, Cisco's Content Delivery System is helping operators to embrace new business models and to deliver the "any stream to any screen" promise.

Best Client Software/Intellectual Property Solution - Winner: First Media for m-QM

Recognises excellence in embedded client software or IP (intellectual property) across all network types, including terrestrial, satellite, cable, IPTV and mobile, and also covers technologies and services relating to Internet-based video over any access network.

Shortlisted:

TV Genius
First Media
Oregon Networks and Phillips
Home Control

for:

TV Genius Content Discovery Platform
m-QM™
Onyx

First Media's 'm-QM' continuous video monitoring solution assists operators in managing their Capex and Opex costs by decreasing service outage time, reducing customer service calls, resolving these customer service calls, and reducing truck rolls.

First Media's soft client resides on the set-top box, allowing for automatic monitoring of performance parameters such as average bit rate, jitter and packet loss ratio. In addition, quality of experience parameters such as average channel change time and blur can also be analysed.

Special Merit Award for Outstanding Industry Contribution, sponsored by Huawei - Winner: Raoul Roverato, Executive Vice-President for New Growth Businesses and Transformation at Orange

Recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of the IPTV industry.

Raoul Roverato has been integrally involved in Orange's pioneering deployment of IPTV since 2004, during which time he has been Chief of Staff to the group's Chairman and CEO, Didier Lombard, and has also led different projects to determine how to develop IPTV penetration, how to launch hybrid IP/DTH, how to negotiate premium content deals, and how to create interactive pay-TV packages.

Since March 2008, he has been Executive Vice-President in charge of New Growth, and leads the group's activities in content and Web services, including IPTV. He heads up content and Web product marketing and development, partnerships and acquisitions, customer experience, advertising, and country marketing and monitoring.

Raoul has also done a terrific job in convincing content owners to adapt their business models to accommodate the new and more flexible ways to consume content, as well as stimulating the creation of content with the three screens in mind.

This year, Raoul is heading up the launch of other innovative services, including a portal for connected TV's with LG in France, and interactive advertising on TV.

About the IPTV World Series Awards

The IPTV Awards 2010 celebrate excellence in the global industry. The prestigious Awards give winners and shortlisted companies a mark of quality, innovation and leadership.

About the IPTV World Forum

The IPTV World Forum is the world's leading event on Hybrid, IP & Connected TV. It comprises of a 3 day, multi-stream conference programme featuring over 170 expert speakers from over 30 countries, including 101 content & service providers. The event also features a 3 day exhibition which boasts the latest market offerings and solutions for leading companies in the IPTV industry.

Now in its 6th year, the IPTV World Forum has evolved with the industry to reflect the central issues of hybrid broadcast solution and broadband TV business models

About Informa Telecoms & Media

Informa Telecoms & Media is the leading provider of business intelligence and strategic marketing solutions to global telecoms and media markets. Driven by constant first-hand contact with the industry, our 90 analysts and researchers produce a range of intelligence services including news and analytical products, in depth market reports and datasets focused on technology, strategy and content. Informa Telecoms & Media also organizes 125 annual events, attended by more than 70,000 executives.

###

For PR and Media enquiries, please contact:

Steve Outridge
Senior Marketing Executive, IPTV World Series
Informa Telecoms & Media

Tel: +44 (0) 20 7017 5822
steve.outridge@informa.com